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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMPOSITE CUSTOMER SEGMENTATION

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The following remarks and amendments are being submitted in conjunction with an RCE of the parent application. Based on the references applied during prosecution of the parent application, Applicants believe there is some misunderstanding as to the invention described in the present claims. Accordingly, Applicants are providing a detailed description of the subject matter claimed as well as the references applied in the parent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 22-32 as follows. A clean version of the new claims appended hereto.

22. (New) A method for segmenting members of a population of members and members are marked the steps of:

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